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POWER
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HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions of setting up of hydro-power projects in North Eastern region of the country are very favourable in view of availability of natural resources;

(b) whether one of the main North Eastern States, Sikkim has invited public sectors and private sectors to formulate hydel-power projects on the basis of Built Own and Operated (B.O.O.) and Built Own Operate and Transfer (B.O.O.T.) respectively; and

(c) whether his Ministry propose to encourage other States to set up projects on this line with a view to generate employment opportunities in this sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) : Yes, Sir. A large undeveloped hydro potential exists in the North East.

(b) : Yes, Sir. Sikkim State has allotted hydro projects to Public Sector on B.O.O. and to Private Sector on B.O.O.T. arrangements.

(c) : A number of steps have already been taken by the Ministry of Power from time to time to boost development of hydro power and also taken various initiatives to encourage private sector participation for development of power sector.